

Fair Political Practices Commission
Memorandum

To: Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Hodson, Huguenin, Leidigh, and Remy
From: Michael B. Salerno, Executive Director
Subject: Executive Director's Report
Date: October 30, 2007

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

STAFF PROJECTS

Technical Assistance:

Seminars: Cynthia Jones presented a campaign filing officer workshop for officials in Hayward, California.

Outreaches: Tara Stock presented an SEI outreach for the Department of Education and City of Moraga. Barbara Smith presented a campaign outreach to the City of Bishop and an SEI outreach to the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority.

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Pursuant to Section 87300 of the Government Code and Commission Regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict of interest codes:

Code Adoptions and Amendments

Nevada Joint Union High School District (new positions)
Employment Development Department (new positions, revised disclosure categories)
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (new positions)
San Luis Water District (new positions, revised disclosure categories)

FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to Regulation 18361, I have found sufficient evidence in the following case to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that the following respondent committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The respondent is presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding.**

In the Matter of Louise Gund, FPPC No. 07/047. On October 30, 2007, probable cause was found to believe that Respondent Louise Gund: (1) failed to timely disclose a \$75,000 late contribution report by the November 8, 2005, due date, in violation of Section 84605, subdivision (a) of the Government Code; (2) failed to timely disclose a \$75,000 late contribution to the “No on Proposition 77” committee in a properly filed electronic version late contribution report by the November 8, 2005, due date, in violation of Section 84605, subdivision (a) of the Government Code; and (3) failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement in paper format for the reporting period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, in violation of Section 84200, subdivision (b).

REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Families for Cindy Montanez 2004 (ID# 1250550) - A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on October 15, 2007.

Families for Cindy Montanez 2006 (ID# 1272431) - A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on October 15, 2007.

Friends of Tom Hallinan (ID# 1240224) - A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on October 15, 2007.

Friends of Mark Wyland (ID# 990712) - A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on October 24, 2007.

Friends of Jim Aldinger (ID# 1278245) - A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on October 24, 2007.

Jackie Speier for California (ID# 1246940) - A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on October 25, 2007.

Lieber for Assembly (ID# 1231660) - A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on October 25, 2007.